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Applicants: Kenji Ootsu, et al.

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Title: Method of Processing End Portions of
Optical Fibers and Optical Fibers Having
Their End Portions Processed

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicants respectfully submit the attached information disclosure statement.

This application is a division of application serial no. 10/407,371 filed April 4, 2003, which is a division of application serial no. 09/800,033 filed March 26, 2001, which is abandoned. References cited during prosecution of the Parent Application, either disclosed by Applicants or reported by the Examiners, are listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Inasmuch as these references should be available from the files of the parent application, Applicants have not submitted copies with this statement.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO-1449 and that the references be made of record in the present application.

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